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The following items are enclosed herewith:

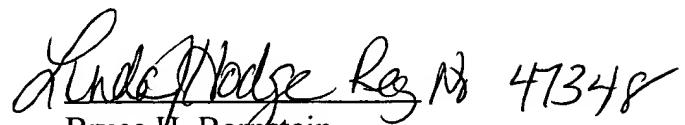
- A request for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for one month.
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If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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